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Re: Advisory Opinion # 483-03-13

Dear Mr. Golatt:

This letter is in response to your request for an advisory opinion in accordance with §19-11-715(b) of the Arkansas Code Annotated of 1987. Your request for an advisory opinion is based on the following facts:

(a) Seed and Challenge Grant Funds from Dept. of Housing and Urban Development are being issued through UAPB to various businesses in the Pine Bluff area.

(b) Mr. Ester Doolitle, a former UAPB employee who ceased employment on June 29, 2001 and Bruce Lockett, employed by UAPB and President of the Family Community Development Center are set to receive money from these grants.

(c) You are requesting an advisory opinion to determine if an ethical conflict would exist under these circumstances.

Mr. Doolitle will have been separated for 2 years from state employment on June 29, 2003 and accordingly, is under no restriction by Act 483, Ethics in Public Contracting Law or by Governor's Executive Order #98-04. Also, as you have pointed out in your letter, we have previously opined (#483-03-5) that there is no conflict with regard to Mr. Bruce Lockett in his previous work with Family CDC. His further involvement with a Neighborhood Thrift Store (non-profit) will not present a conflict.

This advisory opinion is issued in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated §19-11-715(b) and compliance with the above course of conduct is deemed to constitute compliance with the ethical standards of the act and EO 98-04.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Weiss
Director

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